Sexual harassment against women in Delhi

164. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:
DR. ABRAR AHMED:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been spurt in the incidents of sexual harassment against women and children in Delhi in the recent past; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) The cases of sexual harassment against women and children are reported under the heads molestation eve-teasing rape and sodomy. During the year 2002, (upto 31st October, 2002) 813 such cases were reported in Delhi as against 928 cases reported during the corresponding period of the preceding year.

Proposal to constitute NCR police force

165. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of unabated increase in the crime rate in the Capital, Delhi as the border areas of the adjoining States serve as hiding and hunting ground for criminals;

(b) whether lack of cooperation and coordination between different State police forces helps criminals get way unpunished even if they are nabbed; and

(c) whether to control the crime rate in the capital a proposal to constitute an NCR Police Force was mooted, if so, the status of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) No, Sir. The number of IPC related crimes reported in Delhi during first ten months of the current year registered a fall by 9.94% when compared with the number of such crimes reported during the corresponding period of the preceding year.

(b) An Inter-State Crime Co-ordination Secretariat has been set up in the Headquarters of Delhi Police. A core group consisting of officers of the rank of Inspector General of Police from Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Rajasthan, has also been constituted, which meets once in a month to share information about inter-state crimes and criminals and to seek assistance from the member States for their apprehension. This arrangement is working smoothly.

(c) A Study Group on "Integrated Law and Order Machinery for NCR" constituted under the overall concept of treating National Capital Region (NCR) as a Common Economic Zone has, *inter-alia*, recommended to National Capital Region Planning Board setting up of uniform police/ administrative system to control and monitor criminal activities on a regular basis in the NCR.

Bus robberies in Delhi

166. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA:
SHRI ABANI ROY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a girl jumped off a moving bus to escape hooligans in Delhi on 6th September, 2002 as reported in the Hindu the dated 7th, September, 2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that in Delhi well organised gangs are terrorising and robbing the bus-passengers; and

(d) if so, the steps so far taken and the steps proposed to be taken to contain bus robberies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, a girl who was travelling in a bus on her way to her college jumped from the bus (when it briefly halted at an intersection) after she was allegedly threatened by some knife weilding hoodlums and sustained minor injuries in the process. Based on her complaint a criminal case was registered by the local police and four of the accused persons were arrested.